assistance under the scheme for Shahbad region of Kota district.

(d) to (f). As the scheme is being tranferred to the State Sector the Question of giving priority to Shahbad region of Kota district does not arise.

Rural Employment Programmes in Rajasthan

2511. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are considering to expand the National Rural Employment Programme;

(b) if so, whether more financial assistance is likely to be provided to the drought prone areas of Rajasthan under this programme;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) National Rural Employment Programme (NREP) has been discontinued w.e.f. 01/04/1989.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

Gas Cracker Complex in Rajasthan

2512. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any proposal from the Government of Rajasthan to take out C-2/C-3 from Hajira-Bijapur Jagdishpur gas pipe line before its supply to Khand Power Plant and to set up a useful small gas cracker complex at some place in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) the time by which approval is likely to be accorded by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b). A proposal had been received from Rajasthan Government for a cracker complex based on gas from Hazira-Bijapur- Jagdishpur pipeline.

(c) Having regard to the overall demand supply projections of products, availability of feed stock and other techno-economic aspects, setting up of Cracker Complex in Rajasthan is not contemplated.

Foreign visits by officials of National Small Industries Corporation Limited

2513. SHRI BALRAJ PASSI:
SHRI RAMAKRISHNA KUSMARIA:
SHRI PRABHU DAYAL KATHERIA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of countries visited by the officials of the National Small Industries Corporation Limited and the countries in whose exhibitions they have participated during 1990-91 in order to promote Indian Industries;

(b) the number of international exhibitions organised by the National Small Industries Corporation Limited during the last two years; and

(c) the places of where the said exhibitions were organised?